

V. Leonard's COLUMN

BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK HE'S TRIED HARD ENOUGH

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Rickard Reaches a Belated Decision on the Big Fight.

THE Willard-Dempsey fight will be decided in Toledo, O. It will be a twelve-round affair, and to provide for the moving pictures it will come off at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This much is certain.

Until 9 o'clock last night the bout was very much up in the air. Tex Rickard, the promoter, was walking around in circles. Nervous as a cat, he dodged all kinds of queries on the probable location of the fight. He stammered, punched his cane through the velvet carpet of the Biltmore runway to the bar, and didn't seem to know where he was at. Finally, a telephone bell rang:

"Mr. Rickard," said the girl, and Tex nearly jumped out of his shoes in getting to the booth. Tex had been in the booth many times during the long afternoon. But this time he came out smiling. He dug into his inside pocket and came out with a statement which seemed to make the fight a sure thing. Here's Tex's announcement:

Having consulted my attorney, I find that I am entirely within the law of Ohio and, according to decisions of the law of such cases, therefore I have accepted Toledo's offer to hold a boxing exhibition there.

Under the Ohio laws the Mayor of Toledo is permitted to grant consent.

Under the decision of the courts you are privileged to employ boxers to give exhibitions when a purse is not fought for.

Mr. Rickard is guaranteeing Willard \$100,000, win, lose or a draw; in other words, Willard will get \$100,000, no matter what happens on July 4. Dempsey is fighting for \$27,000, which in case he should win amounts to a little in the Hudson, but after that Dempsey will find himself in a fair way to make a fortune well beyond the dreams of any hero.

RICKARD is guaranteeing \$100,000 to Willard and \$27,000 to Dempsey, which to the average mind looks like a fortune. But the public doesn't really appreciate what the promotion of such a contest means. To begin with, Rickard is planning for the erection of a stadium which will cost \$7,000,000. He figures this will cost him \$50,000 at least. He has insured the boxers and himself for \$100,000, the premium of which will amount to something like \$25,000. Printing of tickets, and other incidentals, will amount to \$25,000. In other words, if he gets away with the expense, promotion and all that goes with it, he figures that he will be "stuck" for \$25,000 before either Dempsey or Willard slips on the gloves. As he looks at this, Rickard thinks that this is just a trivial matter. He believes that the fight will draw \$500,000.

NOBODY has heard from Charlie Harvey lately, for the very good reason that Charlie has been covered up with blankets in St. Vincent's Hospital. Now that Charlie is all right, he has started on the warpath with his ex-champ, Ted Kid Lewis.

The kid has been a big puzzle to many a doctor, but, according to Charlie, he is all right now. Charlie says that Dan Morgan, on behalf of Jack Britton, promised him a return match. He wants a chance to win back his welterweight honors before Benny Leonard cuts in with his desire to win the welterweight championship in addition to the other two titles he holds.

YOU cannot stop those New York teams the way they are going now. The Dodgers are holding down first place in the National League race, with the Giants, who appear to be all powerful, in third place. In the American League fight the Yankees are tied with the Cleveland Indians for second place, the White Sox only having a slight lead on them.

There was a feeling of doubt at the outset, but right now it looks as though the season will go down in history as the biggest ever.

IT seems like poor sportsmanship to make a protest over a loss of a title, but that appears to be what ex-champion Alfred de Oro is doing now. He blames a foul during the second round of his match with the new title holder Cammefax for his defeat, and he thinks he is entitled to the next chance. He claims that Cammefax hit the cue ball twice, which is contrary to the rules, but referee Cutler didn't see it, so it was overlooked. It seems to be a weak sort of an excuse for a defeat and it seems that such a clever star as de Oro should be a better sportsman and take his medicine more gracefully.

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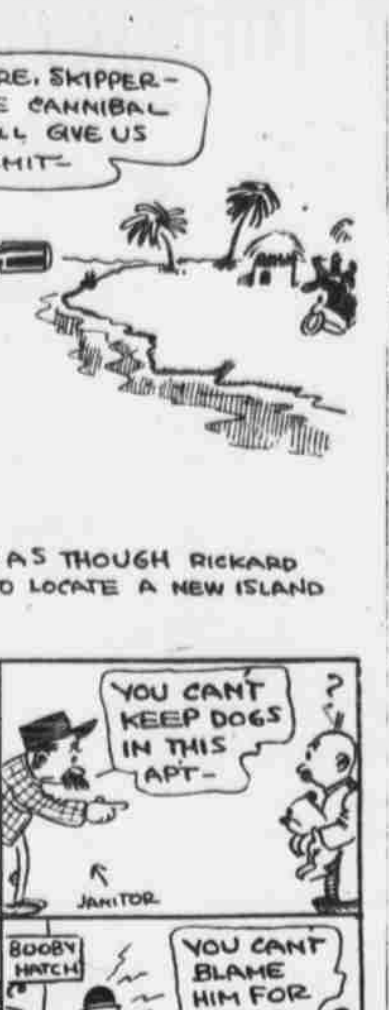
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HOOKS AND SLICES

Chick Evans and Francis Ouimet Are the Class of All Amateurs for 1919 Golf Titles.

By William Abbott.

PERSONAL supremacy between Chick Evans and Francis Ouimet should be the most interesting development of the amateur division this year. These two men naturally flare up first when championship possibilities are compared. Evans and Ouimet easily outrank amateurs. How the two leaders will stand up against each other for a nice little argument for golf fans.

There's no more sensational than a fighting streak in a golf tournament. Evans and Ouimet are both national titles. The Chicago campaign. Reports from the West tell how Chick Evans, in playing seventy seven scores, was down to the very much nourishment of the scores of amateurs and pros who slacked up against Evans later in the season.

Ouimet hasn't a weak stroke. His game is sound throughout. The former National champion possesses a fighting temperament that is valuable in close matches. The army Ouimet didn't get a chance to take part in competition, but it won't take him long to get back to old form.

The first of the Ouimet-Evans personal encounters will most likely occur in the open championship at Brae Burn next month. Ouimet has announced his intention of competing in this tournament, though Evans is still doubtful whether he'll swing clubs at Brae Burn.

Herbert Martin, who formerly was professional at Bayside, has just assumed new duties as pro at the Union County Country Club at Cranford, N. J. Martin has been a member of the New York Athletic Club's school all winter. This work automatically came to a finish with the hot spell set in, and the former Bay-side star now tracks for a summer outdoor job. Martin proposes to install traps at many of the holes on the Union County course, which is one of the longest in Jersey.

Collecting old clubs is a hobby with many golfers. Bob Watson, former President of the St. Albans Club, has a Schenectady putter that probably came over on one of the first steamboats. One just like it was sent Walter J. Travis at the same time, but the former Schenectady member many years ago.

Watson still has his, a queer looking weapon with the shaft bent almost like a noyple. Evans, former U. S. Open champion, has a frequent attempts to kidnap the club. Once last summer the old Schenectady stayed away from the days, but Watson soon got on the trail and located his prize possession.

Members of the St. Albans Club, after dubbing their "amateur" tournament last Saturday, are prepared to start on their own schedule, which provides a feature every Saturday. One member of the club championship starts on Sept. 6, the first being eligible for the championship.

The schedule at Dunwoodie is very attractive, with some kind of a tournament on tap most all the time for club members. One member of the club is saying up, which should bring out a mid-week activity.

Joe Sylvester, one of the prominent young stars, learned the hard way the Van Cortlandt Park public house, is back from France, and has resumed his duties as professional at the club. Another change from knickerbockers.

Many Ring Stars At Boxing Show For Men of 77th
Jimmy Twyford, the Knights of Columbus secretary, and Capt. Crispin of the 77th Division, under whose direction a monster boxing festival for the men of the 77th Division is to be held Thursday night at Stadium Square Garden, announced that, in addition to all the champions of the division, many stars have been engaged.

Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion, and Jack Britton, holder of the welterweight crown, are two of the "top-drawers" who have been engaged to appear for the boys in khaki. Leonard is to box Frank Lippe, while Britton will be opposed by Jack McAuliffe, the new Irish champion. Another exhibition will bring together Jim Coffey and Battling Levinsky.

Real fights make up the rest of the card arranged by Secretary Twyford. Knockout Brennan, the 175-pound champion of the division, who before going into service fought draws with Mike Gibbons and Soldier Satchell, will try to prove his claim to stardom against Cyclone Williams.

Frankie Hufnagle, winner of the 125-pound title of the division, is to meet Tommy Shea and Frank Gargano, who captured the 115-pound championship "over there," will take on the class of the division, and Soldiers Garganty, Maine, and Salmon man and Volk will be pitted against good men of their weight. The show of a fight with a wrestling match between Young Mundy and Max Wiley.

TERRY MARTIN OF U. S. N. WINS BOUT IN LONDON.
LONDON, May 6.—Terry Martin of the United States Navy defeated Chris Langford of Swansea, Wales, on points in a fifteen-round contest at the National Sporting Club last night.

Tommy Robson Wins Easily. SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 6.—Tommy Robson, the Boston middleweight, won an easy victory over Young Fisher last night.

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Fistic News and Gossip

By John Pollock

Jack Britton, the welterweight champion, will grab off \$1,250 for his end in another one of those no-decision bouts to-night. He will receive this sum for meeting Johnny Griffiths, the crack welterweight of Akron, O., in a ten-round bout at a show to be staged by the Velodrome A. C. in the big auditorium at Buffalo, N. Y. While Griffiths is a good fighter the chances are that Britton will outpoint him, as Britton knows too much about the boxing game to allow Griffiths to get the better of the battle.

One of the most important bouts between big fellows has been fought in Boston in months will be the twelve-round go between Harry Gros of Pittsburgh and Clay Turner, the Indian light heavyweight at the Armory A. A. to-night. Both Gros and Turner have made a big hit with the fans there as a result of their great fighting, and a big crowd is expected to witness the scrap. Larry Conley will referee.

After considerable trouble, a match has at last been clinched between Frankie Brown, the local featherweight, and Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion. They were signed up today to meet in a ten-round no-decision bout at the Armory A. A. on the night of May 14. Brown, outpointed Kilbane in a six-round bout in Philly six weeks ago.

Battling Healy, Eddie Meade's crack featherweight, who boxed Louisa at the Bayonne Sporting Club Friday night, is now in attend himself, for he is filled with new ambition, as yesterday his wife presented him with a twelve baby girl.

Low Tetter, the crack Philadelphia light weight, is booked for three more fights. Saturday night he meets Young Dundee of Pennsylvania for ten rounds at Harrison, Pa. Monday night he takes on Ed Holmes, the Cleveland fighter, for six rounds at the Olympia A. A. of Cleveland, and the following night he boxes Johnny Mahoney for ten rounds at Elmira, Pa.

Bill Bowman, the Chicago heavyweight, and Billy Meade of St. Paul furnished each a great fifteen-round bout at the Tulsa (Okla.) A. C. recently that John Reider, matchmaker of the club, has decided to rematch them for another fifteen-round bout in about four weeks. Meade received the decision over Reider in their recent bout, after a great fight.

The New York State Amateur Boxing Commission will be staged at the City Club on May 10. The preliminaries to-night and the finals on Thursday evening. All of the best amateur boxers in the East will participate in the scrap and the winners are that every one of the bouts will be productive of plenty of fast hitting.

Dutch Branch of Brooklyn, according to his manager Jack Roberts, is not going to box the kid named Billy at the Bayonne A. A. of Bayonne, N. J., on Friday night. In a letter to this office Roberts says he will fight the kid named Billy at the Bayonne A. A. of Bayonne, N. J., on Friday night.

Frank Rakon, who looks after the affairs of Willie Jackson, the good Iowa lightweight, was today offered a guarantee of \$100 for Jackson to box Frankie Young, Port of New Bedford for twelve rounds, to a decision at the National A. C. of Manhattan, N. Y. Rakon refused the offer, but it would take the guarantee to \$1,000 he would accept the match.

Battling Lerich, the Maine heavyweight, is no longer, unless to quit Bridgeport, Conn., and return to his former home at Philadelphia. Lerich has been boxing for several years at Philadelphia, and he has decided to move there. Lerich will box on May 14, but he has turned his corner over to Sam Trice, who will run the show.

PIMLICO ENTRIES.
RACE TRACK PIMLICO, Md., May 6.—The entries for the Pimlico races are as follows:

First Race—Refugee, Keeney, Second Race—Racer, Amaze, Phil, Herry, Giffel.
Fourth Race—Hurry, Entry, New Haven, Reddest.

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